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The Montana Grizzlies are on the road once again for a two-game set of basketball games in the Golden State. The Griz meet University of Pacific, Monday, Dec. 19 in Stockton, followed by a Wednesday night game against Fresno State in Fresno.

The Grizzlies, 4-2, before weekend games with St. Cloud State and Creighton in Missoula, will be facing two very tough teams on this road trip.

UOP is a 5-2 team with two games in the Golden Gate Invitational scheduled for Dec. 16 and 17 before the game with Montana. The Tigers sport a well-balanced club led by three returnees. 6-5 senior guard Russ Coleman leads the team in scoring through seven games with a 17.4 point per game average. Junior guard Terence Carney (6-1) is averaging 13.9 ppg and 6-9 center George Fowler is averaging 10.7 ppg. Freshman forward Ron Cornelius (6-9) leads the Tigers in rebounding with 10.6 boards a game. Fowler is averaging 8.7 boards and Coleman is grabbing 8.3 rebounds a game.

UOP averages 75.7 points per game to 68.4 for the opposition. The Tigers are outrebounding their opponents 50.7 to 46.4.

Stan Morrison is in his sixth year as head coach of UOP and has a 65-66 five-year record at the school.

The game with Pacific has been designated as "David Smith Night" in Stockton by the UOP Athletic Department. Smith, a high school student at Tokay H.S. in Stockton, was severely injured in a football game this past season. One dollar from each ticket sold to the UM game will be given to a fund, helping to defray the young man's hospital expenses.

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Coached by first year mentor Boyd Grant, Fresno State takes a 5-1 record against Montana. The Bulldogs face St. Mary's before meeting the Griz.

Center Art Williams and forward Eddie Adams lead Fresno State on the court this season. Williams is the leading scorer with a 14.1 average. At 6-5, he's an outstanding leaper from the center spot. He's also the team's leading rebounder with 8.1 boards a game. Adams, a 6-7 senior forward is averaging 11.0 ppg. Although the team is fairly young overall, two senior guards in addition to Adams and Williams bring experience to the starting five.

The Bulldogs average 66.8 points a game against 58.0 for their opponents. They are also outrebounding the opposition 33.8 to 28.6. A fine shooting, patient team, Fresno State set an NCAA single game record in their 80-75 win over Portland State, Dec. 3. The Bulldogs shot an incredible 34 of 42 from the field, 82% field goal accuracy.

One sidelight, both Montana and Fresno State will have Pizza Hut Classic candidates on the court. Montana has Michael Ray Richardson and Fresno State has Kenny Barnes, a 6-6 senior forward from Berkeley.

Tip-off for both games is 9:05 p.m. (MST). Missoula's KYLT Radio will carry live coverage of both games with Bill Schwanke calling the play-by-play.

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